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John Edgar Haover, Director

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Letter 5/17/51

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Accompanying handoristed letter beginning "WE ARE SO MILL BROOMLYHS...," signed "THE THAVELERS."

Result of Eximination:

Specimens 21 and 42 were compared with the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter Pile without effecting an identification. Appropriate copies will be added to this file for future references

Specimen of is a pink linen find a social correspondence envelope measuring approximately 5 3/4 x 3 3/4 inches and contains ing no watermark. Specimen 22 is a piece of white lines ruled social correspondence paper measuring approximately inches and containing no watermark. The address on the pluse and the message on 2 have been prepared in ink of a pluse black color.

ment of latent fingerprints but none of value was developed.

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Letters addressed to the "Gincinnati Enquirer," Cincinnati Police Station, and the "Cincinnati Reds, " Cincinnati's baseball club, all apparently written on same type stationery with block-type printing, containing threats to shoot and kill JACKIE HUBINSON, New York Erooklyn Dodgers taseball player, Victim and . Manager of Brocklyn Dougers ball club advised of letters prior to sames played at Cincinnati, Ohio, 5-20-51. Games played without incident. Laboratory examination mace of one letter, with negative results. No suspects developed.

DETAILS:

The above-captioned matter originally came to the attention of this office when rost Office Inspector PARRELL of the United States Post Office Department of Cincinnati, Ohio,

referred a letter to the Cincinnati Division which had been received by the "Cincinnati Enquirer." This letter was forwarded by the "Cincinnati Enquirer, a local newspaper, to the Cincinnati Folice Department, with a note, advising that the letter seemed to be an obvious "crank" note, but . the newspaper felt that it should be passed on to the police in order that the paper would be protected in the event harm did come to JACKIE MOBINSON.

The envelope containing the letter was pink in color. It was addressed to the "Cincinnati Enquirer," Cincinnati, Obio, and was postmarked Cincinnati, Chio, May 14, 1951, 11:00 1.85- The letter, West undated. It was prepared in block-type printing. A tiley used to prepare straight sides for many of the individual printed letters.

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This letter is quoted as follows:

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The above described letter was forwarded to the latoral or for examination, and this office has received a report advising that examination has been made of the envelope and letter without effecting an identification of the unknown subject.

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Whe are going to shoot and kill negro Jackie Robinson at Crosley Field.

ine - Travelers."

that a similar letter was received by the "Cincinnati heds," Cincinnati's local baseball club. He said he had not seen the communication itself. The letter he received, which has been turned over to this office, is obviously prepared in the same type printing as the letter which has been forwarded to the Bureau. Actual observation of the letter received by the "Cincinnati Reds" has not been made by this Agent.

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Cincinnati's Fall rark, would not afford a person an opportunity to shoot one of the ball players. Even from the roof of one of the heighboring buildings, sufficient altitude could not be obtained to permit a person to shoot over the grandstands to the playing field. He said that he was not alarmed over the matter.

a detail of several ficers to the field on May 20.

1951, when the Brooklyn Dodgers were scheduled to play a double-header
against Cincinnati. He also alerted

In compliance with Bureau instructions, SA's contacted Ur. CHARLES DEESENT, Exhaper of the grooklyn Dodgers Club, and JACKIE ROBINGON, upon their arrival in Cincinnati, Onio, on May 20, 1951, and informed them of the threats which had been received.

The coulde-header baseball games were clayed at Crosley Field on the afternoon of that same date, and APPIN DELIVERY participated in both games. It is noted, however, that no increase accounted curing these ball games.

Mr. CHARLES DRESSEN later furnished this office with a telegram received by him on May 20th, stating:

WWE SAY GET ELHIND THE MALBLERS AND TAKE THE WEIGHT OFF JACKIES LIFE.

CHARMETT'S CLUBE AND THE SART LOT COLORED BOYS OF THE NORTH SIDE.

Inis wire was sent from Paducah, hentucky.

also later furnished this office a letter received by him cated key 24, 1951, at Sheridan, Wyoming. This letter was written by United States Veterans Hospital Fif., Sheridan, Wyoming, and suggested numerous suspects based upon information had received while in Sincinnati during 1914. It appears quite obvious from this letter that this individual is probably a mental patient at the Veterans Hospital.

Prior to departing from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. DRESSEN advised that he would notify this office if additional threatening letters came to his attention. To date no further threatening communications have been reported to the Cincinnati Division. Also to date no information indicating or suggesting a suspect has been received.

In view of the nature of this matter, and in the absence of logical leads to investigate, this case is telms closed on the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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Inasmuch as JACKIE ROEIRECH is a National basetall celebrity, no description of his was obtained, as is ordinarily some in extortion matters.

REFERENCE:

Telephone calls from Puresu to SAC, Cincinnati, 9:30 A.V. and 11:00 A.V., 5-19-51.

Letter to Eureau dated 5-17-51.

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LIFE WAS THREATENED TODAY IN LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE CISCINNATI

BASEBALL CLUB, AND POLICE SEARCHED THE AREA OF CROSLEY FIELD BEFORE

AND DURING THE DOUBLEHEADER.

THEY FOUND NOTHING AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE LETTERS

WERE FROM A "CRANK."

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Office Memorandum - United States Government

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum 14 J. Baumgardner 202 June 30, 1958 JACKIE ROBINSO SUBJECT: Attached is a memorandum prepared by the New York Office concerning captioned individual, which does not include any information obtained as the result of a file review at Seat of Government. The attached was transmitted by New York letter dated June 5, 1958, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Internal Security - C," the original of which is filed in Bufile 61-3176-2055. EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN UTILIZING THE INFORMATION IN THE ATTACHED AS INCLUDED THEREIN MAY BE INFORMATION, PARTIC-ULARLY THAT FROM THE INDICES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (HCUA), WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL. THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, OR AN REPRODUCTION THEREOF, SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, OR ANY RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that instant memorandum and its attachment be routed to the Records Branch: To be filed in case file of captioned individual. To have a new 100 main inactive file opened on captioned individual and for filing therein. **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED** Enclosure HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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JACKIE ROBINSON, Stamford, Connecticut, Board of Directors, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

The following sources used in the background were received in New Haven letter dated May 19, 1958:

"New Haven Register" (daily newspaper)
Stamford Credit Rating Bureau, Stamford,

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Connecticut
Who's Who In America (New York Office)

(2)	Identity of Source	Informants Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
619		IWO	1947		100-2936-1793 p.47
		Committee To End Discrimination in Levittown, New York	February 1952	15,	100-105551-42
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The confidential informant who furnished information on September 9, 1955 in the documentation of Committee To End Discrimination in Jevittown was

New York. The informant who furnished information in the same documentation on June 19, 1956 was

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Jack Roosevelt Robinson is a negro male born January 31, 1919, Cairo, Georgia. He resides on Cascade Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Employed as a Vice President of the Chock Full O'Nuts Coffee Company, New York City. From 1946 to 1956, Robinson played baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers. He retired from baseball in 1956.

The November, 1946 issue of "Fraternal Outlook" page 7, column 3, contains an article and a photograph of Jackie Robinson in connection with the opening of the Solidarity Center of the International Workers Order in Harlem, New York. The name of Jackie Robinson, ballplayer, is listed as one of the persons on the Advisory Board.

During 1947, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the names and addresses of a considerable number of past and present officers of the International Workers Order in the New York area. The following information concerning Jackie Robinson was noted.

Lodge number 691
Solidarity House
124 West 124th Street
Advisory Board
Jackie Robinson
(among others)

On February 15, 1952, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the Committee to End Discrimination in Levittown, New York announced that Jackie Robinson, famous Dodger baseball star, told the committee he would cooperate with them to end discrimination in Levittown, New York and offered them his assistance in the matter.

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The June 1, 1946 issue of "The Peoples Voice" page 10, column 3, contains an article and photograph of Jackie Robinson reflecting that Jackie Robinson, the first negro to break into organized baseball, accepted Chairmanship of the New York State Organizing Committee for United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA). Bert Alves, Regional Director for UNAVA made the announcement.

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The July 9, 1949 "New York Times" contains an article dated "Washington July 8" Jackie Robinson, negro star second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers "said today he would fight for the United States against Russia or any aggressor because 'I want my kids to have the same things that I have.'

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JACKIE ROBINSON A Member of the Board of Directors from Stamford, Connecticut



A name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the HCUA on the name JACKIE and JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON, on 5/28/58, by SE reflected the following references which were not checked against the original source:

- 1. "Soviet Russia Today" for December, 1938, page 29, reflected that one J. R. ROBINSON of N.Y.C. was a contributor.
- "Soviet Russia Today" for February, 1942, page 31, reflected that one J. R. ROBINSON of Pennsylvania was a contributor.
- Hearings regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Groups, July 13, 14, 18, 1949, pages 479-483, reflected that one JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON was a witness.
- 4. "The Worker" for 12/19/48, page 11, Magazine Section, reflected that one JACKIE ROBINSON was the author of "Jackie Robinson," which was recommended by "The Worker."
- The "Daily Worker" for 8/30/49, page 1 (not in this issue), reflected that one JACKIE ROBINSON was a writer of a statement in behalf of PAUL ROBESON.
- 6. "Youth" for June, 1947, page 18, reflected a photo of one JACKIE ROBINSON.
- 7. The "Daily Worker" for 6/2/47, reflected that one JACKIE ROBINSON, Dodger player, received an award given by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

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"The Worker" for 5/25/47, page 8, reflected that one JACKIE ROBINSON was Honorary New York State Chairman of UNAVA.

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Hearings Regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Groups - Part I; Hearings, etc., 81st Congress, 1st session, Sworn Testimony of GEORGE K. HUNTON, 7/13/49.

Page 451:

HUNTON stated that conferences held with MONSIGNOR CAMPION of Brooklyn and his group brought about the hiring of one JACKIE ROBINSON and said that, in his judgment, the hiring of JACKIE ROBINSON improved the racial attitude of hundreds of thousands of

Page 479 to 483:

Sworn testimony of one JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON, 7/18/49,-he stated he was born in Cairo, Ga., in 1919. He stated he had received a great many messages urging him not to appear before the Committee and that not all of them come from communist sympathizers. He stated, "As I see it there has been a terrific lot of misunderstanding on this subject of communism among the Negroes in this country, and it's bound to hurt my people's cause unless it is cleared up.----"And one other thing the American people ought to understand, if we are to make progress in this matter: The fact that it is a communist who denounces injustice

sports lovers in this country.

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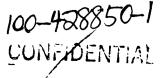
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in the courts, police brutality, and lynching when it happens doesn't change the truth of his charges. Just because communists kick up a big fuss over racial discrimination when it suits their purposes, a lot of people try to pretend that the whole issue is a creation of communist imagination.

"But they are not fooling anyone with this kind of pretense, and talk about communists stirring up Negroes to protest, only makes present misunderstanding worse than ever. Negroes were stirred up long before there was a Communist Party, and they'll stay stirred up long after the Party has disappeared—unless JIM CROW has disappeared by then as well.

"I've been asked to express my views on PAUL ROBESON's statement in Paris to the effect that American Negroes would refuse to fight in any war against Russia because we love Russia so much. I haven't any comment to make on that statement except that if Mr. ROBESON actually made it, it sounds very silly to me. But he has a right to his personal views, and if he wants to sound silly when he expresses them in public, that is his business and not mine. He's still a famous ex-athlete and a great singer and actor.

"I understand that there are some few Negroes who are members of the Communist Party, and in the event of war with Russia they'd probably act just as any other communist would. So would members of other minority and majority groups. There are some colored pacifists, and they'd act



just like pacifists of any color. And most Negroes--and Italians and Irish and Jews and Swedes and Slavs and other Americans -- would act just as all these groups did in the last war. They'd do their best to keep their country out of war; if successful, they'd do their best to help their country win the war--against Russia or any other enemy that threatened us. This isn't said as any defense of the Negro's loyalty, because any loyalty that needs defense can't amount to much in the long run. no one has ever questioned my race's loyalty except a few people who don't

"What I'm trying to get across is that the American public is off on the wrong foot when it begins to think of radicalism in terms of any special minority group. It is thinking of this sort that gets people scared because one Negro, speaking to a communist group in Paris, threatens an organized boycott by 15,000,000 members of his race.

amount to very much.

"I can't speak for any 15,000,000 people any more than any other one person can, but I know that I've got too much invested for my wife and child and myself in the future of this country, and I and other Americans of many races and faiths have too much invested in our country's welfare, for any of us to throw it away because of a siren song sung in bass. I am a religious man. Therefore I cherish America where I am free to worship as I please, a privilege which some countries do not give. And I suspect that 999 out of almost any thousand colored Americans you meet will tell you the same thing.

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"But that doesn't mean that we're going to stop fighting race discrimination in this country until we've got it licked. It means that we're going to fight it all the harder because our stake in the future is so big. We can win our fight without the communists and we don't want their help."

He stated he attended U.C.L.A., and that he took his grade and high school work at Pasadena.

He was asked if, in his school life, he ever noted any attitude on the part of members of his race that would give any support to the alleged statement of Mr. ROBESON.

He replied that he had never run across it any time.

He was asked if he had ever been approached to join any of the subversive organizations.

He replied that he was never approached but, when he was a kid, "we" were interested in the way "they" acted to get "us" to join. Young ladies were sent out to see if he and others would join their organization (CP in Pasadena). He said he and the others had enough sense to know what "they" were after, and none of the fellows in his group had any desire to join an organization like that.

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"FRATERNAL OUTLOOK"

The November, 1946 issue of "Fraternal Outlook" page 2, column 1, states that it is an official publication of the International Workers Order.

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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PEOPLE'S VOICE

The Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix) Revised May 14, 1951, Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. states the following concerning People's Voice:

"1. Among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

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UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA

The Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix) Revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951 prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. states the following concerning United Negro and Allied Veterans of America:

"1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, U. S. A., which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.'

(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)

2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 92.)"

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